

PREMIUM  
LIST  
1890  
RAILROAD TOWN AGRICULTURAL  
FAIR

**September 4th, 5th & 6th**

*Premium diplomas awarded in all departments.*

Special attention will be given to items that are reproductions of nineteenth century foods, arts, produce, sewing and crafts. Please avoid entering items that are on paper plates, wrapped in plastic or otherwise "modern" in any way. (wax paper is ok.) Entries may be made on Friday afternoon (September 3rd), and Saturday before 11:00 a. m.

Fairgrounds located in the  
Blake C. Howard Park  
just south of the Railroad Town Telephone Exchange.

**Exhibits**

Needlework

Food, Preserves, & Produce

J. P. Black's Curiosities

Art, School & Photography Work

Industrial Hall: Woodworking, metal working, etc.

Misc. Exhibits - Arranged Flowers, Potted Plants

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### Small Livestock

A special exhibit of Railroad Town's livestock will be made.

**Class 2 - Farm Produce** - *Special consideration given to nineteenth century varieties.*

#### Lot 1, Grain, Beans & Seeds

<i>Enter six pods or one-half cup of dried beans, grain or seeds.</i>	Red winter wheat	Lima Beans	Indian Corn
	White Winter Wheat	Beans	Calico Corn
	Red Spring Wheat		Sweet Corn
	Barley		Popcorn
	Oats		White Corn
	Buckwheat		Field corn
	Rye		Corn on Stalks
	Rye in Straw		
	Best display of grains, beans or seeds		

#### Lot 2, Vegetables

<i>Enter one or two examples of Vegetable or Fruit.</i>	Irish Potatoes	Sweet Potatoes	Sweet Pumpkins
	California Pumpkins	Hubbard Squash	Summer Squash
	Kershaw Squash	Onions	Turnips
	Table Beets	Sugar Beets	Cauliflower
	Marble Head Squash	Peas	Late Potatoes
	Celery	Cabbage	Tomatoes
	White Field Beans	Radishes	Carrots
	Rhubarb	Peanuts	Black Walnuts
	Chili Squash	Mangle Wurtzel Beets	
	Best Assortment of Vegetables		Greatest Variety of Potatoes

#### Lot 3, Fruits

Dominic Apples	Plums	Peaches
Catawba Grapes	Watermelons	Musk-melons
White Grapes	Concord Grapes	Elnora Grapes
Ben Davis Apples	Burbanks Apples	Tamense Apples
Crab Apples	Winter Apples	Geniton Apples
Rhode Island Greenings		

### Class 3, Preserves & Dried Vegetables

#### Lot 1, Canned Goods

<i>Enter one example of canning, preserves or pickles.</i>	Grapes	Plums	Wild Plums
	Peaches	Pears	Cherries
	Crab-Apples	Apples	Gooseberries
	Strawberries	Blackberries	Apricots
	Currants	Tomatoes	String Beans
	Corn	Peas	Rhubarb

#### Lot 2, Preserves, Jelly & Jam, Dried Fruits

Apple	Peach	Plum
Cherry	Gooseberry	Currant
Strawberry	Raspberry	Blackberry
Grape	Pumpkin	Citron
Tomato	Apple Butter	Peach Butter

	Plum Butter	Crab-Apple Butter	
<b>Lot 3, Pickles</b>	Cauliflower	Onions	Cabbage
	Tomato	Chow Chow	Mixed Pickles
	Mangue	Peach	Apple
	Crabapple	Pear	Beet
	Gherkins	Pepper	Piccalilli
<b>Class 4, Foods</b>	Fruit Pies	Cream Pies	Rye Bread
<i>Enter one example of a baked item, but at least 6 of cookies.</i>	Cakes	Cream	Butter
	Fruit Cake	Jelly Cake	Milk-raised Bread
	Sponge Cake	Marble Cake	Hop-raised Bread
<b>Class 5 - Textiles &amp; Needle Arts</b>			
<b>Lot 1, Textile Fabrics</b>			
	Rag Carpet	Hearth Rug (Hooked)	Lace Work
	Woolen Mittens	Knit Wool Shawls	Crochet Tidy
	Table Mats	Cotton Lace	Petticoat
<i>Enter one examples of any Domestic item, flo- ral arrangement, drawing art or photog- raphy or miscellaneous work.</i>	Night Dress	Skirt	Corset Cover
	Chemise	Bodice	Calico Dress
	Fancy Apron	Work Apron	Sun Bonnet
	Hemstitching	Drawnwork	Crochet
	Pillow Shams	Tray Cloth	Doylies
	Table Cover (Cloth)	Sofa Pillow	Wall Banner
	Outline Embroidery	Laundry Bag	Bed Spread
	Broom Holder	Pillow	Tea cloth
	Afghan	Child's bib	Machine Quilting
	Picture Drape (Fabric Drape)		Cross-Stitch
	Darning on Cotton or Wool		Tidy
	Ladies Crochet Vest (Sweater)		Woven Spread
	Quilts (Patch work & Crazy - Traditional Patterns)		Beadwork
	Best Worked Buttonholes		Card Basket
<b>Lot 2, Girls Department</b>			
	Darning	Fancy Tidy	Sofa Pillow
	Stitching Sampler	Button Holes	Patching
	Hand Sewn Apron		
<b>Class 6, Floral - Special Consideration given to nineteenth century varieties.</b>			
<b>Lot 1, House Plants</b>	<b>Lot 2, Roses</b>	<b>Lot 3, Flowers</b>	
<b>Lot 4, Floral Arrangements - in vase.</b>			
<b>Lot 5, Floral Wreaths</b>			
<b>Lot 6, Preserved Flowers</b>		Pressed Flowers	Waxed
<b>Class 7, Art &amp; Misc</b>			
<b>Lot 1, Photographic Works (These should be all black &amp; white)</b>			
<b>Lot 2, Painting &amp; Drawing</b>			
	Oil	Water Color	Charcoal
	Pen & Ink	Pencil	

**Lot 3, Schoolwork**

Penmanship	Artwork	Bookkeeping
Arithmetic	Map of Nebraska	
Map of the United States (1890s)		
Drawing of County School House		

**Lot 4, Misc.**

Shellwork	Woodwork	Featherwork
Leatherwork		

**Industrial Hall**

Examples and displays from surrounding industries are encouraged.

\*\*\* Agricultural Fairs of the nineteenth century were an opportunity for farmers and townspeople alike to take advantage of exhibits of hundreds of items presented or produced by others, and where they learned of new or “improved” breeds of livestock or improvements in farm produce. Businesses would make special exhibits of their product lines including many “new” items and advances in technology. Premiums or premium diplomas were awarded to individuals and businesses for the best exhibits. Local business interests offered special premiums for exhibits of particular interest to them, often in exchange for the item exhibited such as the best pie.

The fair was the fall social gathering. Entertainments included various games, speeches by politicians, informative lectures, lunches served by local church ladies or other social and fraternal groups, balloon ascensions, high wire acts, music, and most importantly horse racing. Races were scheduled several times each day with special purses awarded for the various trotting, running and pacing races.

**Premium List Background Information**

*We include Items listed from the Premium winners in the Grand Island Independent for the 1893 Hall County Agricultural Fair held September 26, 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th. The premium list for this year's Railroad Town Fair is very similar.*

*In 1890, limited information for the Hall County Fair that year is available. Fair dates for 1890 were September 16, 17, 18 & 19.*

*The items listed are merely suggestions. Please contact Kay Cynova at Stuhr Museum (385-5316, Ext. 210) if you have any questions concerning entry of items.*

Do you raise heirloom vegetables or flowers? Do you quilt or bake? Please consider entering examples of your work in our fair! Entries must be grown or made by the exhibitor and meet the criteria in the premium list. Please provide proof of heritage variety crops. Foods and preserves are encouraged from 19th century recipes. Please contact Kay Cynova at Stuhr Museum (385-5316, Ext. 210) if you have any questions concerning entry of items. Please mail in entry forms to Stuhr Museum, attn. Railroad Town Agricultural Society, 3133 W Hw 34, Grand Island, NE. 68801. Entry items will be accepted on Friday afternoon, September 3rd and Saturday, September 4th before 11 a.m. Entries may be retrieved at 4:30 pm on Monday, September 6th.

Please Print

Entrant Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant address \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant City, State & etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Other entrant contact information \_\_\_\_\_

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Entry 4

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